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E.O. 11652:
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SUBJECT:

FROM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
N/A
SHUM, SREF, AR
SECOND LIST OF PEN DETAINEES RELEASED

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO: AMEMBASSY ASUNCION
AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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~~REDACTED~~ BUENOS AIRES: 1163

REF: BUENOS AIRES 903 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 13
A LIST OF 795 PERSONS BEING DETAINED UNDER EXECUTIVE
STATE OF SIEGE POWERS (PODER EJECUTIVO NACIONAL) IN
LA PLATA PRISON (UNIT 9 OF THE ARGENTINE PENITENTIARY
SYSTEM). THIS, PLUS THE LISTING OF 708/PEN DETAINEES
(ACTUAL EMBASSY COUNT)
IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 3 ACCOUNT
FOR 40% OF THE APPROXIMATELY 3,600 PEN PRISONERS
~~ACKNOWLEDGED~~ BY THE GOA. ~~REDACTED~~ ADDITIONAL
PEN PRISONER LISTS FOR THE REMAINING FEDERAL
PENITENTIARIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED PERIODICALLY
OVER THE NEXT WEEKS. VILLA DEVOTO AND LA PLATA ARE
TWO OF THE LARGEST FACILITIES.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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DISCOVER

2. EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF THE LA PLATA LIST FAILS TO ~~LIST~~ 4
PEN DETAINEES WHO HAD SOUGHT EMBASSY RIGHT OF OPTION
CERTIFICATES FOR THE PRISON OFFICIALS IN THAT FACILITY:



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WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED

OR IF THE LIST IS INACCURATE IN THIS REGARD. OR PERHAPS ABBREVIATED.
(SEE ALSO "TESTA" CASE BELOW.)

3. ALTHOUGH A CHECK OF THE VILLA DEVOTO AND LA PLATA PEN
PRISONER LISTS AGAINST THE EMBASSY FILE OF 663 DISAPPEARED
PERSONS HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY "APPEARANCES", THE PERMANENT
ASSEMBLY HAS NOTED THAT 14 PERSONS IN THE VILLA DEVOTO LIST
WERE AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 2,400 DISAPPEARED CASES IN ITS
FILES. THEY ARE NOW ANALYZING THE LA PLATA PEN LIST.

4. THE FOLLOWING U.S. HIGH INTEREST CASES WERE REPORTED TO BE
DETAINED IN LA PLATA.

BRAVO, ALFREDO PEDRO	117/77/9
GELSTEIN, ISIDOR	209/77/11
LIUZZI, SILVIO MELIANO	98/77/9
DOCE, FRANCISCO JAVIER	96/77/9
MATHOT, HUGO ORLANDO	100/77/9
MUSSE, ABRAHAM ELIAS	102/77/9
PEREZ ESQUIVEL, ADOLFO MARIA	92/77/9

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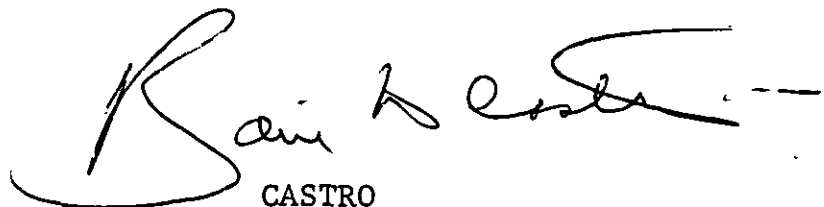
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SCHPREJER, ALBERTO MAXIMO 63/77/4
TAIANA, JORGE ENRIQUE ~~KXX~~ 137/77/10
TRONCOSO, RAUL REINOSO 104/77/9
WESTERKAMP, GUSTAVO 73/77/6

ONE OTHER PERSON OF HIGH INTEREST, TESTA, JOHN FRANCO 103/77/9, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (SEE 1977 STATE 192160) TO BE DETAINED IN LA PLATA (BUT HAD NOT MADE A RIGHT OF OPTION APPLICATION WITH EMBASSY) DID NOT APPEAR ON THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S LIST. WE ARE CHECKING ON THIS MATTER.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: PUBLICATION OF THIS SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE NAMES OF PEN DETAINEES WAS MADE WITH CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY AND FLOURISH. THE ARMY CONTROLLED LA OPINION OF FEBRUARY 14 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL PRAISING THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACTION AND POINTING OUT HOW THIS COMPLIES WITH VIDELA'S LONG RANGE PLANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENT.


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